

DNREC
Division of Energy and Climate

PUBLIC NOTICE

Weatherization Assistance Program 2017 Grant

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Energy and Climate, is applying for U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) new 2017 program funds. The mission of WAP is to reduce energy loss and consumption in the homes of low income Delawareans, creating healthier and more comfortable homes while reducing energy bills. This new application continues the work outlined in DNREC's previous Weatherization Program State Plans.

Congress was deliberating a Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 at the time of planning for this next grant cycle. Until a final full year FY 2017 budget is passed and signed by the President, Grantees are instructed to develop their State Plans using the same funding level as the DOE 2016 Appropriated Funds outlined in WPN 16-2a. In using these 2016 appropriations for planning, DOE will adjust the allocations to Grantees based on the final FY 2017 appropriations, and likewise, make the required adjustments to the State Plan. The new 2017 grant application requests approval to use \$572,294.00 of new FFY 2017 funds.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The DNREC will hold a public hearing to consider comments from the public on our 2017 Base Weatherization Program grant application. Federal regulations require DNREC to provide opportunity for public comment on any new WAP grant.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 9:00am in the Auditorium at the DNREC offices at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901.

Copies of the new 2017 grant application are available for review at the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Energy and Climate, W. Water Street, Suite 5A, Dover, Delaware, 19904. A copy of this grant application is also available on the DNREC website at: <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/energy/services/otherservices/Pages/WAP-HomeF.aspx>

Anyone wishing to submit written comments as a supplement to or in lieu of oral testimony should submit such comments by close of business on February 1, 2017 via email or fax to: Ms. Karen Forrest (email: Karen.Forrest@state.de.us or by fax at 302 739-1840). For other information concerning this matter, please contact Cheryl Gmuer, WAP Program Manager, 100 W. Water Street, Suite 5A Dover, Delaware, 19904, at 302-735-3480.